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Holiday Greetings

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FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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WARM GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES EXTENDED TO ALL BY COMMISSIONER KOHL

"In the spirit of this Holiday Season, I extend warm greetings and good wishes to all members of the Department family throughout the State.

"I hope that the New Year will bring continued and increased satisfactions to every one of you as you pursue your daily activities which are so vital to transportation in New Jersey."

John C. Kohl
Commissioner

ANGELO BEIRO WANTED TO BE A DOCTOR, CRASH OF '29 CHANGED HIS PLANS

The crash of 1929 and the depression that followed during the early '30s shattered the dreams and lives of many people. One of those whose dream and plans were changed was Angelo Beiro, Carpenter with the Bureau of Equipment.

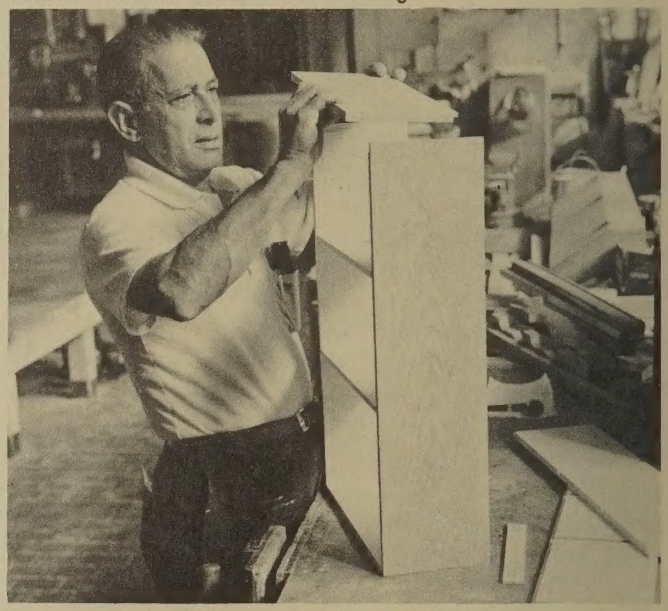
Angelo Beiro wanted to become a doctor. He had sufficient money in the bank to pay his way through medical school. Then came the crash and a bank failure that wiped him out completely, ending his chances to enter college. Instead, he attended a vocational school where he studied carpentry, cabinet making and drafting. Since then, for more than 40 years, he has worked professionally as a carpenter, cabinet and pattern maker, and an upholsterer. Presently, he is in charge of the Carpentry Shop in Fernwood and has been a Department employee for the past six years.

The Carpentry Shop came into being about 1925 with the erection of Building I in the Fernwood complex. During the early days of the Carpentry Shop's existence, two carpenters completed all the carpentry work by hand. Over the years, a 20-inch band saw, a table saw, two radial saws and a 12-inch planer have been purchased. In addition, the shop is equipped with small electric powered tools and all types of hand tools.

Today, the Shop turns out more than 2,000 wooden items a year. Some of these items include all types of furniture, various sizes and types of cabinets, large tool boxes used by Maintenance Yards, rack covers for trucks, skids, building-entrance enclosures and special projects. In addition, the Shop does furniture repairs, redecks truck and trailer floors and virtually any other carpentry work needed by the Department.

Two projects that were somewhat unusual and one of a kind, recalls Mr. Beiro, concerned a guard's office he built in the rear of the Main Building, and cabinets he made and fitted inside a truck a little larger than a station wagon used by Research and Evaluation to house its self-powered TV monitoring equipment.

Most orders for carpentry projects, according to Angelo Beiro, are given to him verbally. Some come in with rough sketches attached. Either plywood or white pine lumber is used to complete most projects while oak is used for all truck redecking.



Angelo Beiro, Carpenter with the Bureau of Equipment, is assembling a small first-aid cabinet, one of many made in the carpentry shop and distributed throughout the Department.

350 COMPLETE TELEPHONE COURSE

Fashions change, life styles change, in fact we're often told "times are changing." And there's no question about it, what was popular as recently as yester-

day, today is most likely passe. One thing that has not changed, however, is the correct use of the telephone, according to Personnel's Training Section.

And in this respect, about 350 Department employees took advantage of an opportunity to become a little more knowledgeable on "telephone techniques"--thanks to a course given by the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company and the Training Section.

The course which emphasized "courtesy and efficiency" in office telephone conversation was held in Right-of-Way Regional Offices in Hillside, Parsippany, Cherry Hill and Freehold. It was also held in the Main Building in Trenton.

RETIREMENTS

Alex Sisco, Truck Driver with Maintenance (45 years); Robert R. Wilcox, Chief, Bureau of Project Location (43 years); Dominick Parillo, Truck Driver with Maintenance (42 years); Charles A. Van Antwerpen, Highway Engineer with Design (40 years); Dominick Yanniello, Truck Driver with Maintenance (37 years); Albert A. Zampella, Principal Engineer with Construction (24 years); Joseph Celentano, Bridge Repairman I with Maintenance (13 years); William E. Mojjis, Engineering Aide I with Design and Carl E. Yacullo, Highway Inspector with Construction (11 years each); Amerigo Meneghini, Bridge Operator II with Traffic Engineering (10 years).

SKI TRIP PLANNED

A ski trip is being planned for Department employees interested in visiting Killington, Va., during the weekend of February 3.

More information may be obtained by contacting Jerry Thomas 609-292-6954 at Independence Mall, South Broad Street, Trenton.

DOT NEWS AIRED ON 13 RADIO STATIONS

Virtually every transportation subject of interest to the average citizen, relating particularly to New Jersey's highways, rails, buses and aviation, is aired by 13 radio stations on an average of three times a week using the Department's five-minute program "Spotlight on Transportation."

The program, created by Frank Brooks of the Office of Information Services, features up to five different subjects per five-minute airing, and may include stories on highway and bridge dedications, new travel concepts, highway maintenance, snow removal, highway safety,

Stopwatch in hand, Frank Brooks checks a playback of a newly recorded set of six "Spotlight on Transportation" programs, in the control room of Recorded Publications Labs studios in Camden, N.J., where the programs are recorded for distribution.

excerpts from speeches by the Commissioner and other Department executives, division and bureau heads explaining projects under their jurisdiction, and numerous other New Jersey highway, rail, bus and aviation activities.

In addition to the State picture, the program also includes highlights of transportation activities related to the Federal system of Interstate highways, and topics of interest on a national and international level.

Radio stations air the program as a "public service" at a time convenient to their programming schedules. "Spotlight on Transportation" is currently presented on the following stations: WFPG (Atlantic City), WHTG (Eatontown), WJLK (Asbury Park), WSNJ (Bridgeton), WRAN (Dover), WRDI (Hammonton), WNNJ (Newton), WSLT (Ocean City), WERA (Plainfield), WTTM (Trenton), WCRU (Washington), WCMC (Wildwood) and WHBI-FM (New York).

The word "highway" is derived from the way ancient road builders of the Roman Empire dug trenches along a proposed way, then threw the dirt up toward the center. This resulted in the proposed way being higher than the sides, making the road a high way.

Happy Notes

The engagement of ***Miss Catherine Kotarski,*** Senior Clerk with Right-of-Way, to Richard Brower has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kotarski.

Louis Pek, Electrical Mechanic with the Electrical Bureau, has been voted "Outstanding Marine of the Year" by fellow members of the Trenton Detachment Marine Corps League. He was honored at an affair held at the Princeton Country Club to celebrate the 197th Anniversary of the Marine Corps where he was presented a hand-painted portrait of himself.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Powers have announced the engagement of their daughter, ***Miss Kathleen D. Powers,*** Accountant Assistant with the Bureau of Auditing, to Douglas D. Caines.

Theodore Cichowic, Accountant III with Fiscal Management, and his wife, Virginia, vacationed in Europe, visiting Geneva, Switzerland; Rome, Athens and Istanbul. In addition, they spent seven days aboard ship cruising the Agean Sea.

Barbara Stawicki, Auditor with the Auditing Bureau, exchanged wedding vows with Harry W. Richebacher. Following the wedding, the couple spent two weeks in Spain and Portugal.

Miss Andrea Mary Anderson, Clerk Typist with the Library, has become engaged to ***James Inverso,*** Auditor I with Fiscal Management.

Gertrude Rovers, Principal Clerk with Records and Services, has become a grandparent with the birth of a granddaughter, Lorie Ann, announced by her son, Ronald Rovers, and his wife, Beverly. The couple's first child was born in Helene Fuld Hospital in Trenton.

Marilyn Rimli, Principal Clerk Stenographer with the Newark Regional Office, was feted at a baby shower at the home of Betty Dugan, Secretary to the Supervising Engineer of Construction, Region II. Mrs. Rimli gave birth to a baby boy November 8.

The engagement of ***Miss Colleen Kane,*** Clerk Typist with the Library and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Kane, to James D'Angiolillo, Jr., has been announced by the bride elect's parents.

Dan Zurich (left), Assistant Landscape Architect, and Henry Daum, Landscape Architect with the Bureau of Landscape, are discussing plans for landscaping two new rest areas on Interstate 295 in Burlington County, Springfield Township.

HOW TO SUCCEED BY REALLY TRYING

If you don't have your high-school diploma you may obtain a high-school Equivalency Certificate through a tuition-free program made available by the Division of Personnel's Training Section and the New Jersey Department of Education.

After an applicant has been evaluated to determine the kind and length of training needed, the employee will be assigned either to a preparatory course or scheduled for the equivalency examination.

Any Department employee interested in obtaining an Equivalency Certificate may contact his Division Training Coordinator or the Training Section in the Main Building, Room 1300. Phone: 609-292-5512.

SUCCESSFUL SOAP DRIVE CONTINUES

"The Youth Involvement Board of the Department's Credit Union wishes to extend its sincere gratitude to all employees who contributed to the success of the recent Deodorant Soap Drive for the Retarded," said Robert R. Reed, Jr., Chairman.

Mr. Reed pointed out that anyone wishing to donate deodorant soap may do so by delivering it to the ***Main Building in Trenton, Room 111,*** any time during the year.

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PENYAK RECEIVES PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Not many people can boast of receiving a personal letter signed by the President of the United States. One of those who can is Alex Penyak, Jr., Foreman of Maintenance Crew 1270 working out of the Bloomsbury Yard.

Mr. Penyak, who has more than 20 years service with the Department, likes to write songs and poems in his spare time. Recently, he penned a poem which he titled "Mr. President" and mailed it to President Nixon. To Mr. Penyak's surprise, the President acknowledged receipt of the poem in a letter which expressed his appreciation for the "friendship" which prompted Mr. Penyak to write the poem.

COVER

The Old Turnpike road and bridge crossing the Musconetcong River provide the picturesque winter scene for this month's cover picture.

The River divides Warren and Hunderdon Counties with a section of Mansfield Township, Warren County, shown in the foreground. In the background is part of Lebanon Township in Hunterdon County.